

Astoria Regatta

Mighty Columbia, River of the West



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Fest celebrates ties with river

By DAVID HARLAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Ninety-two years young, Astoria's Regatta, the oldest continuous community celebration of its kind in the Northwest, gets under way Tuesday.

The event started as a celebration of the fishing harvest on the river, according to Larry Perkins, president of the Astoria Regatta Association.

"Everything was really river oriented — that's something we're trying to get back to this year," he said.



Larry Perkins

That notion is embodied in the theme of this year's Regatta, "Mighty Columbia, River of the West."

The six-day event features fun in many forms, including sailboat races, parades, fireworks, dances, and a variety of other events and activities.

Peter Brix, president and chief executive officer of

the Knappton Corporation, will preside as admiral of this year's festival. Columbia River Bar Pilot and Port of Astoria Commissioner Geoff Stone will serve as admiral's aide.

The Junior Regatta Parade starts the ball rolling Tuesday night. Sponsored by the Astoria Kiwanis Club and open to youngsters of all ages, the parade winds through downtown Astoria beginning at 6:30 p.m.

One of five princesses will become this year's Regatta Queen when last year's queen, Tracy Linn Holmes of Knappa, surrenders her crown Wednesday night at Astoria High School, 1001 West Marine Drive. The 8 p.m. ceremony will be followed by a public reception in the school's cafeteria, sponsored by the Astoria Anchor Club.

THE MUSICAL MELODRAMA "Shanghaied in Astoria," will be performed in the lobby of the newly renovated John Jacob Astor Hotel, 14th and Commercial Streets, at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets for the show, written and performed by area residents, are \$5, or \$4 for seniors and students, and can be obtained at the Clatsop Community College Library, Thiel's Music Center, 1375 Commercial St., or at the door.

The guided missile destroyer USS Lynde McCormick is expected to tie up at port piers Friday morning, with the Regatta Court on hand to welcome the ship's 338 officers and crew. The 437-foot long warship will be open for public tours Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at port piers.

Friday's Regatta activities continue at noon with a buffet luncheon honoring festival Admiral Brix at the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

The luncheon will be followed by a rose planting ceremony involving the Regatta Court and complete with refreshments and entertainment, at 2:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Captain George Flavel House, 441 Eighth St.

Later that afternoon, the queen and court will officially open Regatta Square at 4 p.m. at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th Street and Marine Drive.

The Regatta's traditional boat parade will start about 7 p.m. Friday, with approximately 50 boats wending their way from Youngs Bay along the Astoria waterfront to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive.



The Junior Regatta Parade signals the official start of the festival.

A FIREWORKS DISPLAY will take place following the boat parade. The fireworks will be fired from a barge moored in the Columbia River near the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Teen-agers can dance to their heart's content at the Regatta Rocker, beginning at 9 p.m. at the Columbia Expo Center, 1636 Exchange St. The dancing at the center will continue Saturday night beginning at the same time.

Adults will also have a chance to kick up their heels Friday and Saturday night when Second Balcony Jump, an eight-piece band hailing from Hood River, performs at the Regatta Square beer garden from 8 p.m. to midnight both evenings.

Saturday activities will begin with a breakfast feed from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Astoria Elks Lodge. A slow-pitch softball tournament and city tennis tournament will also begin that morning, continuing all day and again on Sunday.

SATURDAY WILL ALSO feature an antique show and sale at Astoria High School. Sponsored by the Astoria P.E.O. Sisterhood, the show runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Lower Columbia Row-in, a race for paddle-driven craft of all persuasions, will begin at 10 a.m. at the Maritime Museum.

Participation in the event is free, but pre-registration is required. More information on the event can be had by calling the museum at 325-2323.

Festivalgoers can explore eight historic Astoria homes and churches from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, and again Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets for the self-guided tours will be sold at the Flavel House.

Sailboat races on the Columbia River will also be featured Saturday and Sunday afternoons, beginning at 1 p.m. both days.

The flagship of the festival, the Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade, will make its way through the streets of downtown beginning at 1 p.m., with Jim Carskadon of the Portland Royal Rosarians serving as this year's grand marshal.

After the parade, the U.S. Coast Guard will demonstrate helicopter rescue techniques from the waters of the Columbia near the Maritime Museum. The demonstration will begin at 3 p.m., and will be followed by a "survival suit contest" starting the 4 p.m., in which contestants will find out who can get the bulky suits on and off the fastest.

A NEW EVENT to the festival this year, the Regatta 200, will be held at the Clatsop County Speedway Sunday afternoon, off U.S. Highway 101 in the Clatsop Plains area north of Gearhart. The starting flag for the 200-mile stock car race will drop at 1 p.m.

A Regatta button, selling for \$2 at local businesses, is good for admission or admission discounts for most Regatta events.

The festival itself is the work of the Astoria Regatta Association, a small group who work hard all year to put the annual non-profit event together.

Besides Perkins, this year's association president, the organization's 1985 officers are: Peter Strandberg, vice-president; Monica Huichens, secretary; Lucinda Judd, treasurer; Fred Raw, past president; and board members Vic Kee, Gary Service and Sandy Kalandar.



1985 Regatta Queen Tracy Linn Holmes embraces a well-wisher.

Skipper keeps club on course

By JOAN HERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Like the anchor that holds a ship firmly in place, Sandy Kalandar is a mainstay of the Anchor Club.

Mrs. Kalandar is the club's 1986 skipper — the equivalent of president for a club whose sole purpose is to promote the annual Astoria Regatta, which runs Aug. 12-17 in Astoria.

The 53-year-old club must be doing a good job. The Astoria Regatta is in its 92nd year, making it the oldest community festival in the Northwest.

During her fifteen years of membership, Skipper Kalandar has held six of the club's eight offices and has chaired most of the major committees. She also belongs to the Astoria Regatta Association's Executive Board.

The skipper's main tasks are ensuring that the Anchor Club stays on course and assisting the five princesses on the Astoria Regatta Court with their many duties.

The skipper's job is not an easy one — nor one that ends with the Regatta's last event, Mrs. Kalandar says.

"It's really busy all year round . . . Long hours. Not much sleep. But I love it. I really enjoy it. I wouldn't miss it for the world."

TRAVELING AROUND THE state — even to another country — is all part of the job for the

skipper, the Regatta princesses and their chaperones. Mrs. Kalandar, several chaperones, the 1985 festival queen and the Regatta Court recently returned from a three-day visit to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they attended Expo 86.

While there, the queen, princesses and chaperones ran the Oregon Pavilion for "Astoria Day" July 23. The princesses, Mrs. Kalandar says, were poised and professional when talking with foreign travelers about the Sunset Empire and the "webfoot" state.

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—Sandy Kalandar



"People all over the world were asking about Oregon and what to do and they (the princesses) were able to answer them."

Traveling to Expo to represent the Sunset Empire is only one of the many trips the Regatta Court makes throughout their "reign." Like the skipper's, the jobs of the five "goodwill ambassadors" do not begin and end with the

August festival. There are dozens of speeches before civic and other groups, hundreds of hands to shake, countless questions to answer about their home and its rich history.

AND BY THE princesses' sides all the way is Mrs. Kalandar and other Anchor Club members, helping them write their speeches, getting them to their appointments on time, giving them that extra boost of confidence. "It's like getting five new daughters every year," she says.

The Anchor Club keeps just as busy as the court's princesses. Dressed in their club's navy blazers, club members help out with all Regatta events, such as selling Regatta buttons, chaperoning the teen dances, marching in the Grand Land Parade, participating in the rose planting ceremony at the Flavel House and sailing in the Twilight Boat Parade.

The Anchors also hold fund-raisers, such as bingo, organize a Christmas auction and sponsor booths at other local festivals to pay for the Regatta Court's wardrobe and expenses.

FORMED IN 1933, the Anchor Club has about 100 active, associate and charter members.

Making up Mrs. Kalandar's Anchor Club "crew" are First Mate Shelby Donithorne — the equivalent of club vice president, which means she automatically will become skipper in 1987; Yeoman Edna Johnson; Purser Marlene Taylor; Historian Maxine Dymond; Corresponding Yeoman Charlene Larsen; Publicity person ChrisLynn Taylor and Executive Officer Betty Cunningham. Past club Skipper is Barbara Zielinski.

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Princess Renee Hanson

Warrenton High School's representative on the 1986 Regatta court is Renee Ann Hanson, the daughter of Alice Hanson of Hammond.

While at Warrenton High School, Miss Hanson was a member of the Drama and Spanish clubs, and of the National Honor Society for three years. She was on the prom committee during her junior year and was homecoming committee chairman during her senior year. During her sophomore and senior years she was class treasurer and was National Honor Society secretary and historian. She chaired the school's blood drive for two years and was co-chairwoman for a year.

Miss Hanson, who had a 3.98 grade-point average during her high

school years, was class salutatorian this year. She received Masonic honors all four years, won savings bonds totaling \$150 in the Voice of Democracy contest, an Elks scholarship and a Dads' Club scholarship from Oregon State University where she will be going to school in the fall. Miss Hanson will major in apparel design then continue to graduate school on the East Coast.

Miss Hanson works at the Astoria Safeway store. Her spare time activities include bicycling, horseback riding, writing and sketching clothing designs. Miss Hanson enjoyed everything about Regatta princessing, especially Expo 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Princess Kimberly Harris

Kimberly Harris will be one of two women representing Astoria High School at the 1986 Regatta. The daughter of Ray and Bonnie Harris of Astoria, Miss Harris was listed in Who's Who Among American

High School Students her junior and senior years, played basketball for two years, baseball for four years, and volleyball for four years. She was on the track team for a year and was on the YMCA swim team for seven years and a state finalist for four years. She is a member of National Honor Society and was a cadet teacher during her senior year. She and her family hosted a foreign

exchange student in 1982 and 1985. Miss Harris, who works at Astoria Golf and Country Club, has been a member of Junior Catholic Daughters of America for three years and helped in the "Save a Life" for pets campaign in Astoria. She received scholarships from Astoria Beauty College, which she will attend in the fall. Her hobbies include horseback riding, swimming, jogging and lying in the sun.

Miss Harris has enjoyed everything about being a Regatta princess, especially the trip to Expo 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Princess Anh Linh Le

Anh Linh Le, the daughter of Thoai Le and Anh Truong, will represent Warrenton High School at this year's Regatta.

Miss Le graduated with honors from Warrenton High School where she was co-valedictorian of her class. She was sophomore class secretary, student body treasurer, Girls' League secretary and sergeant-at-arms, president of National Honor Society and attended Girls State.

She was voted Most Outstanding Freshman, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for two years, named an Oregon Scholar and received the National Mathematics

Award, the WHS Citizenship Award and the Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

Some of the scholarships Miss Le has received are the Elks Scholarship, the University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship and the United Paperworkers International Union Scholarship. She plans to attend Honors College at the University of Oregon this fall and will work toward a bachelor's degree in bio-medical engineering.

Miss Le says, "Regatta has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people and to learn more about our community and our way of life."



Princess Brenda Saukko

Brenda Rochelle Saukko, the daughter of Le Roy and Janice Saukko, will represent Knappa High School on this year's Regatta court.

Miss Saukko lives on her family's beef farm in Brownsmead and has worked for more than a year at Home Town Video in Knappa.

While at Knappa High School, Miss Saukko was a junior varsity cheerleader and freshman class secretary, in the school's chorus for four years, junior class fund-raiser chairwoman, and volunteer for the Great Columbia Crossing. During her senior year she was graduation chairwoman, won the "most inspirational" award on the varsity basketball team, was 1985 homecoming

queen, a member of National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students and won the school pride award, the business and home economics awards, the Heilmann Inspirational Award for Girls and was voted most outstanding senior girl. She was in the chorus and was a dancer for the school's production of "Oklahoma," and served as secretary for the Great Columbia Crossing.

Her hobbies are biking, camping, sewing, walking on the beach and being with friends and family.

Miss Saukko plans to enroll in Portland Community College's dental assistant program.

Princess Cathy Reinebach

Cathy Reinebach will represent Astoria High School at this year's Regatta.

Miss Reinebach, the daughter of Ronald and Sandra Reinebach, was voted most valuable player on the varsity volleyball team during her senior year and was co-captain of the team and on first team all-league. She played varsity basketball her junior year, and was on the varsity swimming team her senior year and the varsity track team her junior and senior years, voted most dedicated. She was in state track competition all three years, placing second in the mile relay and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Miss Reinebach was secretary of the Service Club, Junior Class and A-Club during her junior year and vice president

of the Service Club and National Honor Society and student body parliamentarian her senior year. She was a member of the German Club and National Honor Society her junior and senior years and was part of the Walldorf, Germany, exchange program in 1984 and of the South Milwaukee exchange program this year.

She sang in the school choir for three years and was on the National Forensics League, and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students her junior and senior years.

She received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, the Astoria High School Certificate of Award and a three-year U.S. Army R.O.T.C. scholarship.

Miss Reinebach will attend Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., in the fall.



Tracy Linn Holmes has only a few days left of her reign.

Queen to bestow her crown

Tracy Linn Holmes says serving as 1985 queen of the Astoria Regatta has boosted her pride in her home community.

"It's been wonderful," she said. "I've learned a lot more about the area than I knew before. Especially a lot more history."

The daughter of Gene and Linda Holmes of Knappa, Miss Holmes was crowned queen during last year's Regatta. She will give up her crown Wednesday night at 8 p.m. at Astoria High School, 1001 West Marine Drive.

She will return to her studies this fall as a sophomore at the University of Oregon, where she majors in international business.

In her role as queen, she has served as an official representative of the Regatta association and the Astoria community. She has attended Anchor Club teas, the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant parade in Seaside, the Fourth of July Parade in Warrenton, and, with the 1986 Regatta Court, Vancouver's Expo 86.

While at the exposition, the Regatta repre-

sentatives gave a presentation at the Oregon Pavilion about the history of the Columbia River and the Astoria Regatta, and also manned the pavilion for a day.

She also is working hard organizing, along with both the 1985 and 1986 Regatta royalty, the "Regatta Rocker" teen dances Friday and Saturday evenings at the Columbia Expo Center, 16th and Exchange Streets.

Miss Holmes' year wearing the Regatta crown also provoked good-natured comments from her college friends.

"They call me 'Queenie,' and pretend that I'm honorable," she said. "But it makes them curious about Astoria. A lot of them want to come down this summer."

Miss Holmes said it will be a bit sad to relinquish the crown, but that she is impressed with the new Regatta royalty and that any of the princesses could serve well as 1986 queen. "I'm going to be real proud of all of them," she said.

Car raffle aims to add to court's scholarship fund

The public's love for cars may help the Astoria Regatta Association better reward Regatta royalty for their dedicated service.

A car raffle is being held by the association to raise funds for scholarships for the 1986 Regatta Queen and members of her court.

"Every year we give a modest scholarship for all of the court and the queen," said Vic Kee, Astoria real estate agent and member of the association board. "They do provide a nice service to the area."

But the board wants to make those monetary rewards larger this year, and is hoping funds raised through the raffle will do it. "This year we thought we'd try to double or triple

the scholarship fund," he said.

Until now, the fund has been largely dependent on donations or on surplus monies made during the Regatta event, he said.

The raffle prize is a 1986 Chevrolet Sprint from Astoria's Lovell Auto Co. and is valued at \$6,000. It is a three-door "hatchback" with a three-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive.

Dick Garner of Lovell Auto, a past president of the association, said the Sprint is the leading fuel-economy car in the United States, with an estimated 49 miles per gallon in the city and 55 mpg on the highway.

Garner said Lovell Auto will attempt to provide a car of the

winner's color preference.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and are available at Lovell Auto, from Anchor Club or Regatta Association members, and from local restaurants, including Oney's of Astoria, The Brass Rail, and Pacific Rim.

To be eligible for the prize, ticket holders must be at least 18 years old.

The winner will be selected in a drawing Aug. 17 at the Regatta Square at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Ticket holders need not be present to win, said Kee.

Assisting the Regatta in promoting the raffle has been Anchor Graphics of Astoria, which printed posters advertising the contest.

The cover

One of the five Regatta princesses pictured on the cover of this year's Astoria Regatta special section will be crowned queen during special ceremonies Wednesday night.

The princesses are, front row from left, Renee Hanson, Anh Linh Le, back row, Kimberly Harris, Cathy Reinebach, Brenda Saukko.

The cover photograph is by The Daily Astorian's Bill Wagner.

Each princess will receive a \$250 scholarship. The woman selected as queen will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Astoria Regatta Association. The Anchor Club provides each princess with a wardrobe for official appearances.

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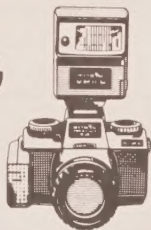


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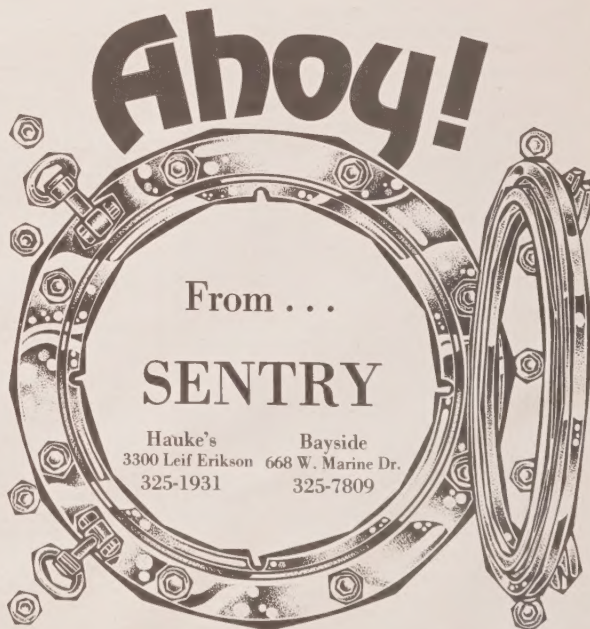
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Water provides fun during fest

A boat parade, fireworks launched from a barge and two sailboat races will highlight water events of the 1986 Astoria Regatta.

About 50 boats of all shapes and sizes will signal the start of the events at about 7 p.m. Friday along the Astoria waterfront.

However, the parade this year may look different. The boats will be heading upriver, according to organizer Jeff Keto.

A lack of liability insurance will prevent the boats from tying up at their traditional launching point at the Port of Astoria docks this year, Keto said. So, boats will gather in Young's Bay, sail past the Columbia River Maritime Museum and stop just short of the East Mooring Basin near Tongue Point.

The parade theme this year is, "Mighty Columbia, River of the West," and skippers are encouraged to decorate their vessels appropriately, Keto said.

A skippers' meeting to organize the event has been set for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Astoria Public Library's Flag Room.

Included in the boat parade lineup this year is a live band, the Portland Rose Festival's reigning queen and the Astoria Regatta court aboard the Warrenton-based "Nordic Lady" pleasure boat.

The Regatta queen will award trophies to the best decorated boats in various categories, Keto said.

At nightfall — about 9:30 p.m. — \$2,000 worth of fireworks will be launched from a barge anchored in

Miss Oregon to perform

Miss Oregon Jana Svea Peterson will sing at the Astoria Regatta Queen's Luncheon at noon Thursday at the Thunderbird Motor Inn Chinook Room.



Jana Svea Peterson

The luncheon honors the Regatta Queen, who will be crowned the day before, and her court of five princesses from local high schools.

Miss Peterson, a 22-year-old Eugene resident, won the 40th Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center last month. She'll represent Oregon at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., this September.

Ruth Cotter is chairman of the luncheon committee. Members are Marcie Overby, Frances Hansen, Irene Baltimore, Doris Hughes, Jan Harrod, Faye Eastman, ChrisLynn Taylor, Dorothy Schoen, Deborah Hollenbeck, Judy Johnson and Vel Scheve.

the river in front of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Then, on Saturday, the first of what the Astoria Regatta is all about — sailboat races — gets under way.

About 30 keel boats or racer cruisers will compete for The Regatta Cup, a large, silver champagne cup, "and fame and glory," said publicist William Lind.

Races will be divided into two divisions, more than likely, for sailboats with spinnakers and boats without them.

This year's races will follow a 10- to 25-mile long course along the Columbia River and a portion of Youngs Bay, depending on the weather, tides and the like.

More than three times the number of sailboaters are expected to com-

pete this year, primarily because racers left over from the Six Pac race taking place the week before in Astoria will be encouraged to take part, Lind said.

Registration to enter the races will be taken up to the day of the competition.

Starting time both days is 1 p.m. at the West Mooring Basin in front of the Thunderbird Motor Inn.

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River plays part in admiral's life

By JOAN HERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

A marine transport company president who has extensive ties with the lower Columbia River area will preside as admiral over the 1986 Astoria Regatta festival Aug. 12-17.

The 1986 Regatta theme — "Mighty Columbia, River of the West" — makes Portland native Peter Brix the perfect choice for admiral, said Larry Perkins, president of the Astoria Regatta Association, which chooses the admiral and his aide.

"We picked him because of his involvement with the river," said Perkins, owner of Clatsop Distributing Co. in Astoria.

No less involved in the mighty Columbia is the admiral's aide, Geoff Stone, a Columbia River bar pilot.

Native Oregonian James Carskadon, whose wife's family served on past Astoria Regatta Courts, will preside as marshal over the Grand Land Parade at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in downtown Astoria.

Although Brix, 50, still lives in his hometown, his job as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of

the Knappton Corp. brings him to the Sunset Empire several times each year.

Knappton Corp. provides towing and barging services on the Columbia River, the Pacific Ocean, Washington's Puget Sound and Alaska. The business also transports Columbia River bar pilots to and from the many international ships that sail up the river.

IN ADDITION TO his professional duties, Brix keeps busy serving on many charitable, corporate and civic boards. He serves on the boards of directors of the Idaho Forest Industries, the Portland General Electric Co. and the International Kings Table Restaurants.

Brix belongs to the Young Presidents' Organization and is a trustee of Washington County's Oregon Graduate Center. He serves on the Port of Portland Board of Commissioners and is a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Maritime Affairs.

Brix recently served as Oregon's 1986 chairman for National

Transportation Week. Previously, he served as president of Portland's Propeller Club and president of the Waverly Children's Home.

Brix attended high school at Portland's Cleveland High School. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1958 from the University of Washington in Seattle. Three years later, he was graduated from Willamette University's College of Law. After law school, Brix served as a first lieutenant in the Military Police Corps for the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963.

As if he weren't busy enough, Brix has a full schedule of duties during the Regatta. Brix will crown one of the five members of the Regatta Court queen during the coronation ceremony, which begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Astoria High School, 1001 West Marine Drive. Later that evening, Admiral Brix will attend a

reception for the new queen at 9:30 in the high school cafeteria.

Brix will attend the Queen's Luncheon Thursday, which begins at noon in the Thunderbird Chinook Room, at 400 Industry St. Reservations are required.

BRIX WILL BE the guest of honor at the Admiral's Luncheon at noon Friday at the Astoria Elks Lodge, at 11th and Exchange streets. Later that day, he will attend a rose planting at 2:30 p.m. at the Flavel House garden, at Eighth and Duane streets. At 7 p.m. Friday evening, the admiral will sail in the Twilight Boat Parade on the Columbia River.

Saturday, Brix will participate in the Grand Land Parade, beginning at 1 p.m., through downtown Astoria. After the parade, he will attend an awards presentation

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ceremony for parade participants at 3:30 p.m. at Regatta Square, located at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds along Marine Drive at 20th Street.

Helping Brix through his paces will be Stone, the admiral's aide. The bar pilot lives in Svensen, where he owns a small farm.

Stone serves on the Port of Astoria Board of Commissioners and, like Brix, is a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Maritime Affairs. He holds a bachelor of science degree in nautical science from the California Maritime Academy.

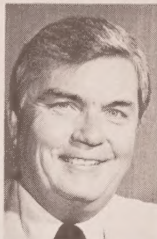
In addition to his maritime-related activities, Stone, a Republican, keeps busy campaigning for the state Senate District 1 seat.



Geoff Stone



Peter Brix



James Carskadon

He will face fellow Svensen resident, Democrat Joan Dukes, and Astoria Independent Michael Boothby in the

Nov. 4 general election.

Although he did not grow up in the Astoria area, Portland lawyer

James Carskadon — the Regatta's parade marshal — spent many summers at his mother's Seaview, Wash., home.

Carskadon's mother-in-law, Claudia Malarkey Lacey, and her cousin, Molly Malarkey Rumpakis, both were members of Regatta Courts. Raised in Warrenton and educated in Astoria, the Malarkey family has had ties to the Regatta since the turn of the century.

Carskadon's civic involvement includes membership on the Portland Royal Rosarian Council. He is a past president of several organizations, including the alumni association for the Northwestern College of Law at Portland's Lewis and Clark College, the Oregon Camelia Association and the Portland Rose Society.

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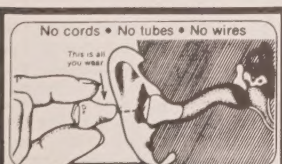
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A parade of years

By BEN WINTON
Of The Daily Astorian

It's sunny, and flags and brightly colored bunting transform the blanketed green on Astoria's northern slope into a patchwork of multiple hues as three sloops glide through the mouth of the Columbia River.

On a warm August day 92 years ago, flags, welcome signs and decorations hung from nearly every house in Astoria, according to old newspaper accounts.

It was a parade, of sorts. People on land arrived from miles around to watch the waterborne vessels arrive for the first official Astoria Regatta sailboat races. It is an event that grew rapidly in its first 30 years and attracted attention from as far away as Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

From then on, the theme of the Regatta was set. Today, it remains a water event to test the skills of the best sailboat skippers.

A decade before, skippers of Whitehull sailboats were betting each other who could sail from an Astoria wharf to a Desdemona Sands buoy and back again. "Plunger" boats, which carried mail, also took part in the unofficial races, according to a 1941 newspaper interview with Capt. John Brown, who won a Plunger race. His prize was a bale of net twine.

BUT EVEN THE sailors have to come home to land once in a while. And the Astoria Regatta soon had two parades — one on water and one on land.

Though the 1894 Regatta brochures contain no mention of a land parade, official programs a few years later indicated that the event became a prominent part of the celebration.

Since then, the Astoria Grand Land Parade has come to symbolize the sailor's links with the earth. The earliest parade recorded appears to be an illuminated marine event in 1900. Three years later, another marine event featured steamers, Navy cruisers and yachts from San Francisco and British Columbia.

In 1901, "The Grand Street Parade" began at 9:30 a.m. and featured Oregon's governor, an artillery team from Fort Stevens and "blue jackets" from the U.S. training ship Mohican.

The 1913 event featured an address at 2:15 p.m. by then-Gov. Oswald West, patriotic exercises and the signal for the sailboat races to begin. The Regatta queen also was a highlight of the early parades, receiving a 25-gun military salute.

PARADES AT THE turn of the century "traversed the principle streets of the city," according to a newspaper account.

In the early 1900s, a silk dragon brought by a delegation of Chinese from San Francisco took 200 people to cart it through Astoria's streets.

By 1917, however, America's involvement in World War I brought Regattas and the parades to a halt. A citywide fire in 1922 and the Great Depression in 1929 kept the events dead in the water.

But by 1932, the Astoria Yacht Club revived the Regattas. Historical accounts indicate that Queen Eleanor Norblad launched the Grand Land Parade again in 1933. The land parade remained a minor part of the Astoria Regattas from then on. In fact, newspaper accounts contain virtually no mention of parades after 1933, though records indicate they were held.

World War II brought another period of no Regattas from 1941 to 1952. Just before the war, however, accounts of a Grand Land Parade in 1940 indicate it had turned into a fun-loving affair with a military theme to support European troops fighting Hitler's German army.

IN RECENT YEARS, the land parades, as well as the Regatta itself, have gained popularity, but not to the extent of the events at the turn of the century.

Bumble Bee Seafoods in 1975 sponsored a flower-covered float called "Hail Tonquin" to carry the reigning queen.

This year, the military bands are missing because federal belt-tightening has made the \$2,000 cost of traveling to Astoria unaffordable, according to parade co-chairman Monica Hutchens.

But the 1986 parade has its first motorized lead float — a replica of a bow of a sailing ship.



The 1901 Grand Street Parade featured a silk dragon

1986 edition

The colorful parade floats will be back, but the sounds may be a little different this year at the Regatta Grand Land Parade.

The parade, down 16 blocks of Astoria streets, is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at 12th and Duane streets, but it will be missing the familiar military drill teams, parade co-chairman Monica Hutchens said.

"The band situation is kind of depressing," she said. "The military bands just didn't have the budgets this year to send a team."

Nevertheless, the 1986 affair should have an upbeat tone, with a brass band from Puget Sound and the North Coast Symphonic Band scheduled to take part in the two-hour parade, she said.

Ms. Hutchens, co-chairman since 1979, estimates the size of the parade this year will be smaller than in 1985. An addition, however, is a motorized Regatta float.

"This is the first year we've had an honest-to-goodness motorized float," she said.

The lead float resembles the bow of a small sailing ship to set the theme of this year's Regatta — "Mighty Columbia, River of the West."



The parade had a military theme in 1940, as fighting escalated in Europe.



Photographs from Clatsop County Historical Society archives.

ragon carried by Chinese visitors from San Francisco.



This youngster walks his fish in the pet parade on May 25, 1940.

Floats will travel west on Duane Street to Ninth Street before turning north onto Commercial Street and traveling to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds at 20th Street and Marine Drive.

Grand Marshal this year is Portland attorney Jim Carskadon, former prime minister of Portland's Royal Rosarians, part of the Rose Festival Association. The Rosarians group is the official greeter for the city of Portland and the state governor's office. It is one of three groups that organizes the Portland Rose Festival.

Among the dozens of parade entries will be Miss Oregon 1986 Jana Svea Peterson and Portland Rose Festival Queen Claudia Reimer.

A group of fun-loving Kiwanis clowns from Portland also are expected, Ms. Hutchens said.

Taking advantage of the renovated former John Jacob Astor Hotel, the reviewing stand will be set up in the apartment building's parking lot facing north on Commercial Street this year. In years past, traffic had to be rerouted to make room for the stand at 12th Street, she said.

The century-old Grand Land Parade is a tribute to the Regatta Queen and a salute to the sailboat races that are the centerpiece of the Regatta, Ms. Hutchens said. The queen will select her favorite entries, which will be presented with trophies at the fairgrounds.

Next year, the military bands may return, Ms. Hutchens said.

"The military has asked for the 1987 dates and they are hoping to budget it for next year," she said.

More than 50 entries are expected Saturday for the Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade.

Here are the entries.

Astoria Clowns.

Astoria High School fall rally squad and dance team.

Initial Attack Wildland Engine, Oregon State Department of Forestry, fire trucks.

Ronald McDonald, Astoria McDonald's.
Renegades, Lincoln County Shrine Club.
Military Order of Cootie Color Guard, Royal Chinook Pup tent No. 5

The Otta Steppers, Ladies of the Elks No. 1937 drill team

Clatskanie Heritage Days Court.

John Day/Fernhill Volunteer Fire Department.

Miss Oregon 1986 Jana Svea Peterson.
Garibaldi Days junior and senior courts.

Astoria Branch First Interstate Bank.

Spinnakers Drill Team, Des Moines, Wash.

Lake City Vigilantes.

Hands Across America, Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Warrenton High School Rally Squads.

Clatsop County Foster Parents, Whiteman Construction.

Astoria High School Dance Team.

PEO Chapter Antique Car.

Portland Rainmakers.

Long Beach Peninsula Fire District No. 1.

Maddox Dance Studio.

1941 Plymouth Coupe, Dave Renfrow.

Seaside Children's Dahlia Parade, Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

Knappa High School Rally Squad and dance team.

Royal Rosarians and Portland Rose Festival Queen Claudia Reimers.

Astoria Family Pre-school.

Clatsop District Camp Fire Girls.

Astoria Gymnastic Association.

Nordic Viking Dancers.

North East Portland Kiwanis Clowns.

Captain Beware Bear, Oregon State Parks and Fort Stevens State Park.

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'Spirit of the Lord, River of Life,' Women's Aglow Fellowship.

1964 Buick Electra convertible, Mr. and Mrs. Treber.

Astoria Branch U.S. National Bank of Oregon.

Portland Triumph Owners' Association.

1964 Comet, Jim Smith.

Boy Scout Troop 509 and Cub Scout Pack 509.

Oregon National Guard and Warrenton Grade School.

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Astoria Lions and Lionesses.

Astoria Hayshakers square dancers.

Seaside American Legion Post 99, 1943 command car.

Puget Sound Brass Quintet sponsored by Astoria American Legion.

Antique Vintage Car Club, 10 to 12 cars.

Troller Restaurant and Lounge, Garibaldi, old train.

Antique cars, James D. Smith.

Dutch Cup Restaurant float.

Ragmops Drill Team.

Eugene Highlanders.

Antique car, Erling Grimstad, Newport.

This is not a complete list nor is it in order.

Rose, Regatta festivals linked

By ANDREA KENNET
Of The Daily Astorian

A Portland Rose Festival Royal Rosarian leading the Astoria Regatta's Grand Land Parade?

Isn't he in the wrong, er, garden? Not really. The two festivals enjoy a link that dates back about eight decades.

Pioneers of the Rose Festival visited the Astoria Regatta and included many elements of the North Coast festival in their first extravaganza in 1907, says Michael Lynch, a former Regatta Association president. "Astoria was a premier city in the state, much more than today," and the Regatta, started in 1894, was among the state's largest festivals then, Lynch

adds.

The ties between the two festivals slackened over the years. But when Lynch took over the helm of the Regatta Association in 1983, he and the association sought to rejuvenate relations with their Portland counterparts.

The Royal Rosarians were just as eager.

The previous year, the Royal Rosarians' prime minister, Tom McDonald, helped secure the Portland Civic Band for the 1982 Regatta Grand Land Parade and organized a small group of Rosarians to attend the 1982 Astoria celebration. He also was influential in getting the Astoria Regatta Association into the Northwest

Festival Association.

THE ROYAL ROSARIANS who accompanied McDonald to the 1982 event were so taken with it that the group has participated in the Grand Land Parade since. In turn, the Astoria Regatta court has entered the Rose Festival's Starlight Parade and has taken awards.

In 1983, the Regatta Association honored McDonald as its admiral. In turn, the Royal Rosarians have bestowed honor knighthood on Lynch, and the Regatta Association presidents of 1984 and 1985, Bob Chopping and Larry Perkins. The Royal Rosarians work with

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the Rose Festival Association and the Portland Rose Society to put on Portland's annual extravaganza each spring. The Rosarians also are the official greeters for the city of Portland and the official ambassadors for the state governor's office. McDonald, a Portland businessman, is a former part-owner of Warrenton Deep Sea Inc.

IN ANOTHER TRADITION started in 1983, the Royal Rosarians each year plant a rose bush at the Flavel House Garden Party. They again will participate in the party on the grounds of the 101-year-old Astoria mansion.

This year the friendship between the two festival is even more evident. The Portland Rose Festival Court came to Astoria and joined the Astoria Regatta Court aboard a U.S. Navy ship for the traditional ride up the Columbia River for the Rose Festival. The Rose Festival Court will return to participate in the Regatta boat parade and the Grand Land Parade. This year's parade grand marshal is Jim Carskadon, former prime minister of the Royal Rosarians.

While here, the Royal Rosarians will be able to visit with a former president of the Rose Festival Association, Bob Nordlander, who now is the Astoria city government's public works director.

"It's a great mesh of peoples," Lynch says of the Rose Festival connection.

PORTLAND AND ASTORIA share much in common as port cities, he notes. And there's another reason: the friendship makes good economic sense, he adds.

"Frankly, one of the reasons why people come to festivals out of town is because they have friends there. Friendships established by these ties have done more to bring in people to Astoria than any kind of advertising you can imagine," he says.

He and his wife, Sharon, make the festival an annual tradition and try to share their enthusiasm with others. McDonald, who is chairman of Portland's sister city association with Guadalajara, Mexico, recalls that dignitaries from the Mexican city who attended the Regatta with him still talk about how much they enjoyed the event.

"Working with festivals is so much fun because you get to meet so many people you wouldn't normally meet," he says.



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Rose Festival dignitaries grace garden ceremony

Some very special royalty will grace the fourth annual Flavel House Garden Party on Friday afternoon. Portland's Rose Festival Queen Claudia Reimer from Lake Oswego, will be accompanied by



**James
Larpenteur**

Michael Lynch, Regatta Association president in 1983, will be master of ceremonies. A color guard from U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Astoria will be on hand.

This year the Regatta queen will be escorted out of the mansion and into the garden by Peter Brix, and the four princesses will be escorted by members of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Anchor Club member Chris Lynn Taylor of Astoria will sing the national anthem, followed by an address by Brix.

Rose Festival Association president, James Larpenteur Jr. Larpenteur is the son of James and Mae Larpenteur of Seaside and an attorney with the Portland law firm of Schwabe Williamson Wyatt Moore and Roberts.

The free program begins at 2:30 p.m. on the grounds of the mansion built by Capt. George Flavel at Eighth and Duane streets in Astoria.



Rose Festival Queen Claudia Reimer will be honored at the garden party.

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Activities abound at Regatta festival

Parades, a garden party in the rose garden at the Flavel Mansion, a melodrama, fireworks display and lots of food and music will highlight this year's Astoria Regatta.

Most activities will be at Regatta Square at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds and will include food and craft booths, live music, a dunk tank and beer garden.

Events held elsewhere will include the queen's coronation and reception at Astoria High School, the admiral's luncheon at the Astoria Elks Lodge, performances of an old-time melodrama at the John Jacob Astor Hotel, the "Regatta Rocker" dance at the Expo Center, a tour of historic Astoria homes, sailboat races on the Columbia River and a PEO-sponsored antique sale at the high school.

Admission to most events is by Regatta button, available at local businesses and at all events. Purchase of a button qualifies the purchaser for a chance at a cash prize and several other prizes, including a night for two at the Inn at the Quay in Vancouver, Wash.

Following is a list of Regatta happenings:

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. — Kiwanis Junior Regatta Parade, downtown

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. — Queen's coronation, Astoria High School

9:30 p.m. — Queen's reception, Astoria High School cafeteria

THURSDAY

Noon — Queen's luncheon, Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant

8 p.m. — Musical melodrama "Shanghaied in Astoria," John Jacob Astor Hotel, 14th and Commercial streets

FRIDAY

All day — Slow pitch softball, Tapiola Park

10 a.m. — Visiting ships arrive at Port of Astoria docks

Noon — Admiral's luncheon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 11th and Exchange streets

2:30 p.m. — Garden party and rose planting, Flavel House garden, Eighth and Duane streets

4 p.m. — Regatta Square and beer garden open, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive

7 p.m. — Twilight boat parade, Columbia River

8 p.m. — Musical melodrama "Shanghaied in Astoria," John Jacob Astor Hotel, 14th and Commercial streets

Dusk — Fireworks display — Columbia River

9 p.m. Regatta Rocker — Expo Center, 16th and Exchange streets

SATURDAY

7-11 a.m. — Elks Buckaroo Breakfast, Elks Lodge, 11th and Exchange streets

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — P.E.O. Antique Show and Sale, Astoria High School

10 a.m. — Lower Columbia Row-In, Columbia River Maritime Museum, 17th and Marine Drive

Noon — Regatta Square and Beer Garden open, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive

Noon to 4 p.m. — Tours of U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy ships, Port of Astoria docks

1 p.m. — Grand Land Parade, downtown

1 p.m. — Sailboat races, Columbia River

3 p.m. — U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter demonstrations, Columbia River Maritime Museum

3:30 p.m. — Parade awards, Regatta Square, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive

4-7 p.m. — Fish barbecue, Regatta Square, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive

8 p.m. — Musical melodrama "Shanghaied in Astoria," John Jacob Astor Hotel, 14th and Commercial streets

9 p.m. — Regatta Rocker, Expo Center, 16th and Exchange streets

All Day — Historic Home Tours, starting at Flavel House, Eighth and Duane streets

SUNDAY

Noon — Regatta Square and beer garden open, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 20th and Marine Drive

Noon to 4 p.m. — tours of U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy ships, Port of Astoria docks

1 p.m. — Sailboat races, Columbia River

1 p.m. — Regatta 200, Clatsop county speedway

1-4 p.m. — Historic Home Tours, starting at Flavel House, Eighth and Duane streets



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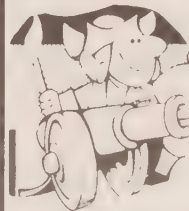
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Court depends on helpers

Two people with "high connections" in the Astoria Regatta are the chaperone and escort for the 1986 court.

Chaperone Shirley Perkins is married to Larry Perkins, the presiding president of the Astoria Regatta Association. The escort is John Kalander, whose wife, Sandy, is skipper of the Anchor Club.

Since February, Mrs. Perkins and Kalander have accompanied the five princesses to — among other activities — several parades, including the Starlight Parade in the Portland Rose Festival, and to 11 speaking engagements with civic groups in Astoria and Seaside.

Although their schedule is busy, Mrs. Perkins and Kalander said they enjoy their assignments with the Regatta Association. In particular, they enjoy the closeness that has developed between them and the court.

A 15-year resident of Astoria, Mrs. Perkins, 45, grew up in Sandy. She graduated from Sandy Union High School in 1959 and attended Pacific College of Beauty in Portland. She worked for 10 years as a beautician in Portland, including for Pierre's House of Beauty and at the Lipman Wolfe department store beauty salon.

Mrs. Perkins and her husband of 21 years have three daughters, Kim, 20, Cindy, 18, and Stacy, 15.

Mrs. Perkins was a teacher's aide for six years at Gray Elementary School and is a past member of Rotary Anns and a member of Astoria Golf and Country Club and First United Methodist Church.

Kalander, 47, is owner-manager of West Coast



Shirley Perkins

John Kalander

Propeller Service in Warrenton. He was born in Astoria, raised in Clatsop County and graduated from Knappa High School in 1956. He and his wife have two sons, Robert, 24, Steve, 21, and a daughter, Susan, 17.

Kalander is a member of the Astoria Regatta Association, First Lutheran Church, the Greater Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, Astoria Golf and Country Club, Clatsop County Historical Society, the Propeller Club of the United States-Port of the Columbia River, Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association, North West Marine Trade Association and Astoria Moose Lodge. He is a former cubmaster and district officer of Boy Scouts of America.

Group hosts antique sale

More than 70 antique dealers from throughout the Northwest will display their wares at the Fourth Annual Regatta Antique Show and Sale Saturday at the Astoria High School cafeteria.

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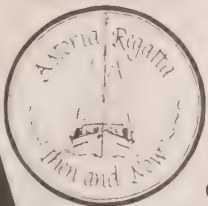
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Home tour features architect

A new wrinkle has been added this year to the annual historic home tour. A self-guided auto tour, featuring 40 buildings designed by Astoria architect John E. Wicks, has been planned in conjunction with the usual tour of eight homes. The home tour includes the Flavel Mansion, 441 Eighth St., where the tour begins and where tickets may be purchased, and the Heritage Center Museum at 16th and Exchange. The homes will be open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

First stop on the home tour is the Flavel Mansion. The home was built in 1885 and designed by San Francisco architect C.W. Leick and is considered to be Oregon's finest example of Victorian architecture.

- First Baptist Church, on the southwest corner of Seventh and Commercial streets. Built in 1923, the building was under construction at the time of the December 1922 fire.

- Zion Lutheran Church (now Peace Lutheran), on the southwest corner of 12th and Exchange streets. Built in 1947, the church was the city's only poured concrete brick-faced church. The bell tower was completed in 1958, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the church. Wicks' inspiration for the church was architect Eliel Saarinen, who was president of Cranbrook Academy of Art in Detroit where Wicks' daughter, Ebba, was studying architecture. The congregations of Zion and Trinity Lutheran Churches merged and changed the church's name to Peace Lutheran.

- First Church of Christ Scientist, on the southeast corner of 11th and Franklin streets. Built in 1951, a

ground floor reading room was expanded into the space between a row of square two-story columns in 1977.

- Improved Order of Red Men Hall, northeast corner of 12th and Grand streets. Wicks' first job in Astoria was to design the hall, known in recent years as the VFW Hall and purchased this year by Astoria Church of Christ. The Red Men — also called the "Sons of Liberty" — organized in 1765 to defend the rights of American colonists and were prominent in the Boston Tea Party. The original building burned in the 1922 fire and the present one was designed by Wicks.

- The Otto A. Owen House, 1332 Jerome Ave. Owen began his career as a grocery clerk in 1908 and moved on to be assistant in the Scandinavian-American Bank in 1910, then a partner in Owen and Peeke Feed and Grain Co. in 1920. The home was built in 1922.

- Peter G. Cosovich House, northwest corner of West Lexington and Pacific. Cosovich was mayor of Astoria from 1951 to 1958 and was a well-known community leader. He received the "George Award" from the Greater Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce in 1969.

- Judge T.S. Cornelius House, on Highway 202. Built in 1910 and now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Linehan.

- John E. Wicks House, 792 16th St. Designed and built by Wicks for his family, he raised three daughters — Ethel, Esther and Ebba — there. Ethel Wicks, a teacher, lived there until the home was sold in 1969.

THE AUTO TOUR also begins at

the Flavel Mansion, moves to First Baptist Church, (see home tour) then to the Capt. Gunderson Building at 1136 Commercial, built in 1923 after all downtown buildings were required to have concrete or brick exterior walls after the 1922 fire. A right turn at the next corner will bring one to the old Astoria National Bank on the southeast corner of 12th and Duane streets. Built on the foundation of the Scandinavian-American Bank, also designed by Wicks and consumed in the fire, the neo-classical revival building was constructed in 1923. The building has been empty since 1972.

Proceed north on 12th Street to Zion Lutheran Church (see homes tour), then to 14th Street between Duane and Exchange streets to the Miller-Jeffers Building, combining hotel, financial and commercial uses. The building opened for business in January 1924 as the Bank of Commerce, then was occupied by the Kaitera Restaurant and Cobban Music Co. The Norblad Hotel was on the second story and the Astoria Chamber of Commerce occupied the 14th Street side of the building. The Duane Street side was occupied by Larson Electric and now houses Compleat Photographer. After the Great Depression the Duane Street side of the building was used for state offices, a vintage clothing store and handicraft store.

Auto tourers now may turn right and go up 14th or circle the block, and go north to a right turn on Franklin Ave. to the Dr. Alfred C. Kinney House at 1320 Franklin. Built in 1908 and now known as the Home Apartments, the lower two stories of the structure are built of local basalt and the ground floor was designed as a doctor's office. Kinney, a

former Astoria mayor, couldn't afford to complete the building and it was vacant until 1917 when two businessmen turned it into apartments. The classical exterior decorations were molded from sawdust.

Continuing along Franklin Ave. to the First Church of Christ Scientist, then left on 11th and left on Grand to the Improved Order of Red Men Hall (see home tour), travelers will return to 11th Street and up the hill to the First Presbyterian Church Annex, built in 1930 on the northeast corner of 11th and Harrison streets. The annex was added to the 1903 carpenter Gothic church building and it contains a large hall with a stage, the church parlor and classrooms.

A LEFT TURN at Harrison Ave. will bring tourers to the Sven A. Gimre House at 1121 Harrison Ave. Built in 1916, the craftsman style house hasn't been changed from its original condition and remains in family ownership. Gimre's wife and children drowned and, for consolation, he traveled to his native Norway, returning with a fiancée for whom this house was built.

Wicks' oldest existing building, the Andrew Young House at 1188 Harrison, was built in 1905 by the Swedish native who later built a dairy farm on the Youngs River, now operated 100 years later by his grandnephew. The home is occupied by Dennis Thiel.

Turning right on 12th and left on Jerome Ave. brings one to the C. Albert Smith House at 1309 Jerome Ave. (Travelers tired of riding can park and walk this portion of the tour.) Built in 1916 by a founder of

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Astorian's work dominates town

John E. Wicks, 1878-1963, was born in Vaasa, Finland. He immigrated to the Denver, Colo., area when he was 19 and learned English while working in the mines there. In 1903 he enrolled

in Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, where he completed a three-year architectural course in one year by studying 18 hours a day. He received a scholarship to Stanford University but stopped in Astoria to visit his brother on his way to California. He liked it so much he stayed and opened his office on May 25, 1904.



John Wicks, about 1904.

On Dec. 9, 1905, Wicks married Maria Cederberg in Astoria. She emigrated from near Jakobstad, Finland, in July of 1902 and was active in the YWCA and Red Cross and Columbia Hospital Auxiliary, which was organized at the Wicks home.

At age 31, Wicks received his first large

commission — designing the new Astoria High School. With 16 classrooms, 17-foot-wide corridors and a sophisticated (for that time) heating and ventilating system, it was the home of the Fighting Fishermen until 1957. Remodeled, it is now Towler Hall, the principal classroom building of Clatsop Community College.

A recent inventory of Wicks' known projects during 1904-1954 numbers 342. An additional 32 were the products of the partnership with his daughter, Ebba Wicks Brown, which span the years 1937 to 1950. The firm of Wicks and Brown was later known as Brown, Brown & Grider and now is known as Grider & Potter.

The oldest existing residence designed by Wicks is the Andrew Young House, built in 1905. In 1916, Wicks designed the Young Building at 14th and Commercial streets for Andrew Young. It was one of the few buildings in downtown Astoria to survive the great fire of Dec. 8, 1922. Many Wicks buildings burned.

The Astoria Centennial in 1911 provided Wicks with the work of designing the 2,500 seat amphitheater where events such as the drama "The Bridge of the Gods" were enjoyed by visitors from near and far. He also made the plans for the exhibit buildings and the

reconstruction of Fort Astoria.

In 1912, he and his daughters returned to Finland for study and work. A school building he designed for his hometown still stands in good condition, though now is used as an apartment house.

Returning to Astoria a year later, he resumed his versatile practice designing commercial buildings, schools, lodge halls, churches, and residences.

In 1919 he was appointed by Gov. Ben Olcott to join four other Oregon architects in the formation of the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners. When licenses were printed, the members drew straws and Wicks drew Licence No. 3. He was reappointed successively by governors I.S. Patterson and Julius Meier. In 1934, he was appointed to the Oregon Planning Council.

After the fire of 1922, Wicks received many commissions for designing major commercial structures. Other work included the Cathlamet (Wash.) Hotel, the John Jacob Astor Hotel and Capt. Robert Grey School in Astoria and the research and planning for the reconstruction of Fort Clatsop.

Wicks died on his 85th birthday and was the oldest practicing architect in Oregon at the time of his death. His wife, Maria, died in 1968.

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the Columbia Hotel Co. and the John Jacob Astor Hotel and the Beehive Department Store, Smith was president of the chamber of commerce in 1921. A few houses down Jerome at 1343 is the William P. O'Brien House, 1917. The O'Briens hired Wicks to build their home. O'Brien was an Irish immigrant who owned Clatsop Lumber Mill and Astoria Box Co. He was state deputy of the Knights of Columbia, president of the chamber of commerce and the Columbia Hotel Co. and a Port of Astoria commissioner.

THE O'BRIENS SOLD the home to their daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and R. Marshall Leathers, owners of the Gearhart Hotel, in 1953. It now is owned by a doctor. At 1332 Jerome Ave. is the Otto A. Owen House (see home tour) then the Norris Staples House at the southwest corner of 14th and Jerome. This home is on the National Register of Historic Places and was built in 1910 by Staples, a logger who founded the Astoria Clay Products Co. and owned the Metropolitan Saloon. He was one of the original incorporators of Lovell Auto Co. and was immortalized as the one casualty of the 1922 fire. He suffered a heart attack brought on by over-exertion in his attempts to save the automobiles in his sales room from the fast-spreading flames. The Roy Salisbury House at 1390 Jerome was built by Staples' son-in-law and is one of the city's finest examples of Norman architecture, popular after World War I.

Getting back in the car, a left turn on 14th Street and another left on Irving will bring you to the Austin Osburn House on the northwest corner of 14th and Irving, built circa 1920. Osburn was a colorful local figure who was an officer of First National Bank, resigned in 1923 to become business manager of Columbia Hotel Co. and bought the hotel company in 1932.

Turn left on 12th, right on Jerome, left on 11th and right on Kensington to get to the Charles Wirkkula House at 938 Kensington. After Wirkkula retired as assistant manager of First National Bank he operated the Columbia Travel Bureau and kept the office for Oke Zatterlow at Columbia Press when it was a Finnish language weekly newspaper. Wirkkula never owned a car and walked to and from work daily until he died at 82. His wife, Anna, died at 96, the oldest member of Peace Lutheran Church.

After turning left on Eighth Street, travelers can go south a block and right on Lexington to the Dr. R.W. Kullberg House at 359 Pacific Ave. and the Peter Cosovich House (see home tour). Kullberg was president of Clatsop County Historical Society when it prevented the Flavel Mansion from being made into a parking lot. Wicks designed the smaller house for the Kullbergs to live in while the big house was being built, then Mrs. Kullberg's mother moved into it. These two homes and the Cosovich home were the first three houses on "Telegraph Hill," named for the



Wicks built this home for his family. A daughter lived in the house until its sale in 1969.

wireless antenna there before World War I.

GOING UP THE hill a block and bearing left until returning to W. Lexington and downhill to Pleasant, keep to the right until reaching Alameda Avenue and Capt. Robert Gray Elementary School at 785 Alameda. Recent efforts to modernize and weatherize this monumental structure, built in 1924, have not improved its appearance. A block down Alameda is the Charles DeForce House, built in 1917 by the DeForce family, operators of the DeForce Oil Works, manufacturers of fertilizer and fish oil. A good example of Astoria's many bungalow houses. The streets in this neighborhood, platted when the Port of Astoria was being built, are named for other port cities of the world: Florence, Glasgow, Dresden, Antwerp, etc.

A left turn on Oregon Street, and a left on Florence will bring one to Tapiola Park. Turn right to Highway 202, then left until coming to Seventh St. A left turn to the top of the hill, a right on Niagara St., and left on 15th to the John Helstrom Investment House at 1083 15th St. One of the last residences Wicks designed, the home was built in 1941 in modern style with few reminders of the classic motifs of earlier days. The John Helstrom Residence at the southwest corner of 15th and Jerome was built in 1933 and is one of the few brick veneer homes in the city. Helstrom was a skilled bricklayer who set fireplaces and chimneys in many of Wicks' buildings.

TURNING RIGHT ON Jerome for

one block brings one to the old Astoria High School on the corner of 16th and Jerome. Now housing Clatsop Community College, the terra cotta central porch, damaged by earthquake and rain, was removed several years ago but the building has been little changed. Wicks also designed the college's Patriot Hall in 1920, formerly the gymnasium for the high school. A left turn brings tourists to the William Sherman House at 946 16th. Built in 1917 by the co-owner of Sherman Transfer Co., Sherman was elected county treasurer in 1906.

Passing the John Wicks House (see home tour) three rental houses on the northeast corner of 16th and Grand are next on the driving tour. Built in 1918 by O.I. Peterson, appointed U.S. Customs inspector in 1893, and installed as a captain of the Masters and Pilots Association in 1894, Peterson was president of Astoria Savings Bank from 1910 to 1924 when he was killed in an auto accident. The homes are now separately owned. Down the hill at the corner of 16th and Grand is the old Columbia Hospital, 1926. Planning for the hospital began in 1919 by the Finnish Brotherhood and a Lutheran group finally was able to finance construction of the town's first fireproof hospital. It now is a care and rehabilitation center.

The former home of Trinity Lutheran Church on the northeast corner of 16th and Franklin now houses the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center. The building was built with donated labor during the depression and Wicks donated his talent to his own

church. Wicks also designed the existing stained glass window.

THE HENRY SHERMAN House, on the southwest corner of 16th and Franklin streets' is probably Wicks' second oldest residence and was built for the owner of Sherman Transfer Co. whose stables were on the south side of Commercial St. between Ninth and 10th. Leaded and bay windows are featured on the west side of the home. The Dr. Charles W. Barr House, 1917, 1526 Franklin, originally included Dr. Barr's dental office. A right turn on 15th Street brings one to Fort Astoria on the northwest corner of 15th and Exchange streets. Wicks' scale drawings of the fort led to this reconstruction on the original site of the fort and the mural behind it.

Now take a left on 16th and park in front of the Heritage Center Museum. Formerly Astoria City Hall, the 1905 building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The neo-classical building was designed by Portland architect Emil Schacht and served as city hall until 1939 when city offices moved to the former Astoria Savings Bank which failed during the Great Depression. The building was attached to the Astoria Armory during World War II (Wicks served as consulting architect).

Admission to the Heritage Center is free with a tour program until 5 p.m. From the front of the center two additional buildings may be viewed — the Wicks-Osburn Building at the northwest corner of 16th and Duane streets and the Fran-

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Missile destroyer to visit Astoria

The USS Lynde McCormick, the U.S. Navy's representative to this year's Astoria Regatta Festival, is due to tie up at the Port of Astoria Friday morning.

With its home port in San Diego and assigned to the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet, the 437-foot guided missile destroyer will be open for public tours noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. She is a sister ship of the USS Berkeley, a visitor to Astoria during last year's Regatta.

Like its sister ship, the Lynde McCormick saw action during the

Vietnam War providing air defense cover for U.S. aircraft carriers operating off the Vietnamese coast.

The warship is frequently deployed to the Western Pacific Ocean, visiting foreign ports in the Far East and along the Indian Ocean. It carries a crew of 338 officers and enlisted men.

According to Navy literature, the Lynde McCormick is capable of making simultaneous attacks on airborne, surface and submerged targets using a variety of formidable weaponry.

For anti-aircraft defense, the warship packs a twin launcher for Tartar surface-to-air missiles on its stern. In addition, the ship carries two radar-directed five-inch guns mounted in turrets fore and aft, a pair of triple torpedo tube mounts, and an eight-tube launcher for ASROC — a rocket propelled anti-submarine weapon — mounted amidships.

Powered by two steam turbines churning out 70,000 horsepower, the ship is capable of speeds in excess of 30 knots.

A member of a class of 23 guided missile destroyers, the Lynde McCormick was built by the Defoe Shipbuilding Company in Bay City, Mich., and commissioned on June 3, 1961 at the U.S. Naval Shipyard in Boston, Mass.

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ciscovich Building at the northeast corner of 16th and Marine Drive. The former, built for investment, first served as a Packard showroom with a garage and a service station on the Commercial Street level. In 1939 it was remodeled into Zero Zone cold storage lockers and now houses Paul van der Veldt's Shallon Winery, open each afternoon seven

days a week. The winery specializes in fruit and whey wines. The Franciscovich Building originally was divided into two shops, the Hissner Flower Shop and Tim Andrich's Service Cleaners.

Around the corner and behind Fort Astoria is the Fort George Garage, now owned by the 76-year-old Lovell Auto Co. The building was built as an investment by Dr. T.L. Ball.

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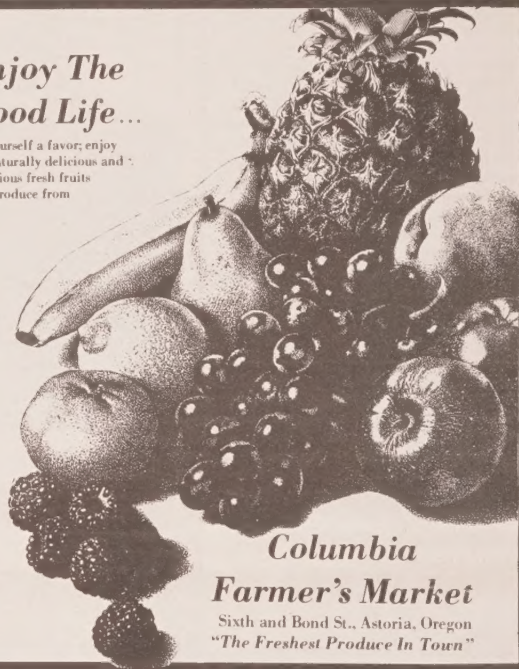
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Regatta Square offers variety

About 25 booths will be set up outside at Regatta Square at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds with offerings ranging from a dunk tank and craft booths to information about the Astoria area.

Food exhibitors will have treats for nearly every taste — sausage and kraut, elephant ears and spring rolls and the popular Kiwanis Club teriyaki beef booth.

A fish barbecue, a new event this year, will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Ruperto Rubio will do a full dinner with corn on the cob, assorted fish, salad, for \$6.95 for adults, \$5.95 for senior citizens and \$3.50 for six and under. A Regatta button is necessary for admission to the dinner.

A variety of wares will be available for purchase including wooden ducks, toys, stained glass, jewelry, wood, floral and fabric crafts, puppets, dolls and carved animals.

Anchor Club members will be telling folks about the Regatta and selling sweatshirts; the Lower Columbia Power Squadron will have information about boating safety; and the Saddle Mountain Dog Fan- ciers will sell dog supplies.

Dances for all ages set

You can rock and roll, do-si-do or just hop till you drop this year at the Astoria Regatta.

In keeping with tradition, two dance events are planned, organizers said. For those age 20 and younger, a local disc jockey will blast out the tunes at the annual Regatta Rocker, while the older set can dance to the contemporary, light rock and country music of a band called Second Balcony Jump. Second Balcony Jump also performed at last year's Regatta. The six-member band has been together about 11 years.

Native Astorian Peter Gates, who provided the music during the 1984 and 1985 Regattas, will be back for the Rocker at the Columbia Expo Center, 1636 Exchange St.

The dance is from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday and again on Saturday.

The Regatta courts of 1985 and 1986 are sponsoring the event this year, said organizer Barbara Zielinski.

Admission is \$2 at the door.

For the adults, the dance is set for Friday and Saturday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, said Regatta spokesman Bill Lind. The band from the Hood River area cranks up at 8 p.m. both nights.

Adding to the festivities, a beer garden is planned at the adult dance, despite increasing liability insurance rates. The garden opens at 4 p.m. Friday and at noon on Saturday.

Tap&Go, a specialty beverage server that also was hired by the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, will provide the beer. The firm carries its own insurance.

Regatta Square and the tradi- tional beer garden will be open from 4 p.m. to midnight Friday with live music by Second Balcony Jump, from Hood River, beginning at 8 p.m. On Saturday the beer garden and Regatta Square will be open from noon to midnight with music beginning at 8. On Sunday, the last day, the square and beer garden will open at noon and close at 5 p.m. An

informal jam session in the beer garden Sunday afternoon is open to all local musicians.

A bagpipe band from Eugene, the Eugene Highlanders, will perform after the parade Saturday in the beer garden at about 4 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Admission to the beer garden is by Regatta button, sold at the door and at local businesses. Buttons cost \$2,

and, for senior citizens, are \$1. A drawing will be held with prizes of \$300, a weekend for two including Sunday brunch at Red Lion Inn at the Quay, in Vancouver, Wash.; a brunch at the Astoria Thunderbird Seafare restaurant; dinner for two at the Sunset Empire Room; dinner for two at Andrew's and Steve's; dinner for two at Oney's; and other prizes from local merchants.

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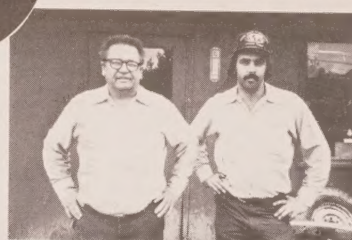
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